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SUBJECT: OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CONFERENCE ON TRILATERAL
COOPERATION WITH ARAB INVOLVEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEVELOPMENT CENTER DOCUMENT
CD/EDS(76)10, REFERRED TO IN EARLIER CABLE TODAY. THIS
IS FIRST TRANSMISSION OF THIS BACKGROUND NOTE WHICH IS
NOT YET AVAILABLE TO OTHER DELEGATIONS. THIS IS DRAFT
DOCUMENT, STILL SUBJECT TO SOME ADJUSTMENT.

2. QUOTE:

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

AT THE BEGINNING OF 1975, THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
COMMISSIONED A STUDY ON "DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN THE ARAB
REGION AND TRILATERAL COOPERATION WITH ARAB INVOLVEMENT."
A FIRST DRAFT OF THE STUDY HAS UNDERGONE A FIRST ROUND
OF REVISIONS FOLLOWING COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS IN THE ARAB REGION, IN
THE THIRD WORLD AND IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND FROM
A NUMBER OF EXPERTS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INTER-
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE SECOND VERSION IS NOW IN

PREPARATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED (IN ENGLISH)
AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1976.

THE REPORT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS, AS FOLLOWS:

PART I - THE ARAB APPROACH TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
SINCE 1973 AND THE ROLE OF THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED FINANCE
INTERMEDIARIES IN THE ARAB REGION.

PART II - TRILATERAL COOPERATION: A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT
TECHNIQUE FOR DESIGNING, FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTING
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH ARAB PARTICIPATION.

PART III - THE INVESTMENT GUARANTEE SYSTEM IN THE ARAB
REGION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR AN EMERGING LEGAL FRAME-
WORK FOR TRILATERAL COOPERATION.

PART IV - ELEMENTS OF AN ACTION PROGRAM:

(A) DEVELOPMENT BANKS AS MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT
SPECIAL "TRILATERAL" PROJECTS;

(B) SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES AND MEASURES REQUIRED
TO PROMOTE TRILATERAL COOPERATION.

THE DETAILED TABLE OF CONTENTS IS APPENDED TO THIS
NOTE. THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN PARIS FROM 26TH
TO 28TH JANUARY 1977.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE:

THE CONFERENCE HAS THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES:

(I) IT SHOULD GIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ARAB
REGION, THE THIRD WORLD AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW JOINTLY THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT,
TO SEE WHETHER, AND HOW, THESE FINDINGS CAN BE GENERAL-
IZED, AND TO DISCUSS THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO
TRILATERAL COOPERATION FROM VARIOUS ANGLES.

(II) IT SHOULD PROVIDE AN INFORMAL FORUM FOR A
MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES/HEADS OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
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INSTITUTIONS FROM THE THREE GROUPS ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

(III) IT SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL
OF TRILATERAL COOPERATION BY PROVIDING THE BASIS FOR A
REPORT ON PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE TO BE PUBLISHED
TOGETHER WITH THE MAIN REPORT.

FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE:

SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES,
IT IS SUGGESTED THAT, IN AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION, THE
BASIC FINDINGS OF THE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED AND
DISCUSSED. THIS SESSION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY FOUR HALF-

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DAY SESSIONS, ADDRESSING THE TOPIC FROM THE FOLLOWING
ANGLES:

1. THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS
FOR TRILATERAL COOPERATION.

2. THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS FOR TRILATERAL
COOPERATION. (THIS TOPIC WILL BE DEALT WITH IF THE
REPRESENTATION OF INDUSTRY IS ENSURED.)

3. THE ROLE OF RECIPIENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
EXPECTATIONS AND POSSIBILITIES.

4. THE EMERGING LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRILATERAL
COOPERATION AND THE REQUIRED INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES AND

INCENTIVES.

THE SESSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED BY KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
GIVING THE VIEWS OF EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP IN TRI-
LATERAL COOPERATION. THE MEETING WILL CLOSE WITH A HALF-
DAY SESSION; THIS WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THE STRUCTURE OF THE
PROCEEDINGS FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES AS WELL AS SUGGES-
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TIONS FOR AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE MAIN REPORT.

PARTICIPANTS:

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE SEMINAR SHOULD CONSIST OF
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO TEN EXPERTS EACH FROM THE ARAB
REGION, THE THIRD WORLD AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES,
AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS, AS WELL AS EXPERTS FROM
INTERESTED OECD DELEGATIONS.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA:

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 1977:

0930 - 1000 REGISTRATION
1000 - 1030 OPENING CEREMONY AND ADDRESS BY
PAUL-MARC HENRY, PRESIDENT OF THE
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
1030 - 1300 SUMMARY PRESENTATION OF THE DEVELOP-
MENT CENTRE REPORT "DEVELOPMENT FUNDS
IN THE ARAB REGION AND TRILATERAL
COOPERATION WITH ARAB INVOLVEMENT"
1500 - 1800 THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
INSTITUTIONS FOR TRILATERAL CO-
OPERATION

THURSDAY, 27TH JANUARY 1977:

1000 - 1300 THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS FOR
TRILATERAL COOPERATION
1500 - 1800 THE ROLE OF RECIPIENT DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES: EXPECTATIONS AND POSSI-
BILITIES

FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY 1977:

1000 - 1300 THE EMERGING LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR
TRILATERAL COOPERATION AND THE
REQUIRED INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES AND
INCENTIVES
1500 - 1800 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

PLACE AND TIMES OF THE MEETING:

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FROM 26TH TO 28TH JANUARY, 1977, AT THE OECD MAIN BUILDING (2, RUE ANDRE PASCAL, 75016 PARIS). THE SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 1000 A.M. AND 3.00 P.M. RESPECTIVELY ON EACH DAY.

REGISTRATION:

PARTICIPANTS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO REMIT THE REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY BETWEEN 0930 AND 1000 A.M. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMINAR.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHOSE TRAVEL EXPENDITURE IS FINANCED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, A DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMINAR; IN THE CASE OF PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE EUROPE, UNCLASSIFIED

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A PREPAID TICKET (ECONOMY-CLASS AIR RETURN) WILL BE PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL, PARTICIPANTS FROM INSIDE EUROPE WILL RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENDITURE AFTER THE MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:

ANY PARTICIPANT WISHING TO HAVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE ON HIS BEHALF SHOULD CONTACT MS. HELEN THOMSON AT THE OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (94, RUE CHARDON-LAGACHE, 75016 PARIS), NOT LATER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE MEETING.

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL COCKTAIL PARTY TO WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 1977 AT 6:30 P.M. ANYONE UNABLE TO ATTEND IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY.
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